



ADVISORY

NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION RULE 67.16 - GRAPHIC ARTS (Amendment)

The Air Pollution Control Board adopted amendments to Rule 67.16 which became effective May 21, 1991. Rule 67.16 is an existing rule regulating emissions from graphic arts operations. The amendments will correct deficiencies identified by the Environmental Protection Agency in the current rule as well as broaden the rule's applicability and add new requirements to provide additional emission reductions. The amendments will accomplish the following:

- Clarify that the rule applies to the coating of flexible packaging materials for food or health care products.
- Clarify that operations subject to Rule 67.16 do not have to comply with Rule 66.
- Reduce the exemption level for the graphic arts facility from 19.9 to 15 pounds per day.
- Add additional compounds that are exempt from regulation because they are not ozone precursors.
- Revise the VOC definition consistent with other District rules and EPA requirements. Also, the method of determining VOC content has been specified.
- Delete definitions that are no longer needed.
- Clarify that specified VOC limits are to be expressed as "less water and exempt compounds".
- Delete the option of compliance using coatings containing no more than 25% VOC. The District is unaware of anyone that is currently using this option to comply with the rule.
- Add new requirements for the cleanup of equipment, consistent with other District rules.
- Add language to prohibit the reformulation of graphic arts materials to increase the methylene chloride or CFC content.
- Add language to require that the methylene chloride and CFC content of graphic arts materials be specified on the material container.
- Revise control equipment requirements (if used for compliance), to be consistent with other District rules.
- Make certain clarifications to the rule and delete language that is out of date and no longer needed.
- Add requirements that records of specified information be kept on a daily basis and that such records be maintained for at least three years.
- Specify test methods that will be used to determine compliance with the rule.

If you would like a copy of the rule, call Juanita Ogata at (619) 694-3307. If you have any questions concerning this Advisory, contact the District's Enforcement Division at (619) 694-3340.

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